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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Stores Purchase Committee.

READ—

Report on the working of the Stores Purchase Committee for the year 1924-25 received from the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee, in his letter No. 2479, dated the 31st August 1925.

ORDER No. G. 3655-6—G. M. 50-25-4, DATED 24TH NOVEMBER 1925.

Recorded.

2. This was the first complete financial year during which the Committee worked. The Committee held 9 meetings and considered 39 subjects during the period. As a result of the experience gained in working the rules, certain modifications were made in the procedure regulating the purchase of miscellaneous kinds of Stores required by various departments and direct correspondence by Heads of Departments with the Consulting Engineers and Manufacturers and other firms. The Committee also considered during the year the procedure for the purchase of the coal required by the Railway and other departments as well as the question of utilising the services of the Indian Stores Department for purchases on behalf of Government.

3. The Committee placed during the year 101 orders in foreign countries and 163 orders in India. The total value of the foreign orders was £128,377-17-5, and of the Indian orders Rs. 13,47,172-2-7.

4. The total cost for the year on account of the London Agency including inspection charges amounted to Rs. 43,916-7-7. The cost on account of the Stores Purchase Committee amounted to Rs. 13,156-14-0. Government note with satisfaction that the percentage of the total cost to the total value of purchases showed a decrease during the year, working out to 1·28 as against 2·5 in the previous year.

5. It is observed that with a view to assist local concerns to undertake the supply of articles required by Government Departments such as furniture for the Education Department, the system of tenders was to a certain extent modified and the work was distributed among a number of local manufacturers at the most reasonable prices. As the purchases required by Government Departments form one of the recognised methods for stimulating local industries and enterprise, Government will be glad if the Committee will devote special attention for encouraging the local manufacturers as much as possible with due regard to the quality and prices of the articles purchased.

6. Government have perused with much interest remarks made in the report on the work of the Consulting Engineers and on the attitude of the Departments to the Committee. They trust that as a result of a discussion with Sir Seymour Tritton of the Firm of Consulting Engineers the inconveniences caused by delays in the past will be avoided. With the experience now gained, Government consider that there should be no difficulty, if the Heads of Departments do their best to send up indents in time and in a complete form and co-operate with the Committee in other respects by complying with the procedure laid down to make the Committee more and more useful in effecting economies in all Government purchases and placing orders to the best advantage.

7. Government wish to place on record their appreciation of the work of the Committee during the year under report.

P. G. D'SOUZA,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Report on the working of the Archæological Department during the year 1924-25.

READ—

Letter No. 5899, dated 5th October 1925, from the Registrar, Mysore University, forwarding a report on the working of the Archæological Department during the year 1924-25.

ORDER No. E. 2747-57—EDN. 31-25-17, DATED 25TH NOVEMBER 1925.

Recorded.

2. The Director, his Assistants and the staff made tours in parts of the Mysore, Hassan, Bangalore, Kolar and Chitaldrug Districts and discovered 20 copper-plate grants, 100 stone inscriptions and 500 manuscripts. A detailed survey was made of the Harihareswara temple at Hariharpur and of the Jain Basti at Markuli in the Hassan Taluk and of the Saumyakesava temple at Nagamangala in the Mysore District.

The inspection reports of the Revenue Sub-Division Officers are stated to have been received only in respect of 11 institutions and in paragraph 41 of the report it is brought to notice that local Officers are not vigilant enough to prevent damages to ancient monuments. The attention of the Deputy Commissioners of Districts is invited to Government Order No. E. 3830-9—Edn. 115-24-2, dated 8th January 1925, reviewing the last year's report of the Archæological Department and they are requested to direct the Sub-Division Officers to visit every important monument within the Sub-Division and furnish Inspection Reports to the Director of Archæological Researches and also impress upon all Revenue Officers that it is one of their important duties to see that monuments within their jurisdiction are properly looked after. Among the monuments which were ordered during the year under review to be included in the list of ancient monuments are the Savandurga Hill and the Panchalinga temple at Somanathpur. Orders were passed by Government during the year in regard to the measures to be taken for the preservation of the famous temple at Belur and the Hysaleswara temple at Halebid. As a result of the monumental survey carried out during the previous year, an estimate amounting to Rs. 1,127 was prepared by the Public Works Department for the repair of the Veera Narayana Temple at Belvadi and the same is reported to have been countersigned and returned to the Public Works Department.

Sixty-three manuscripts relating to Saiva saints of the South who have been honoured for their meritorious religious deeds were studied during the year and it is reported that the study of these manuscripts throws a flood of light on the social, moral, religious and political views of the times and enables the reader to determine the chronology of the period in the History of Southern India.

Among the epigraphical records discovered during the year the most important are (1) Hebbata grant of the Kadamba King Vishnuvarma and (2) the Bedirur grant of the Ganga King Bhuvikrama.

Five hundred and fifty old copper coins, 15 silver coins and 6 gold coins and a copper-plate grant of the Ganga dynasty were purchased and added to the Museum. An Archæological Map of Mysore showing places of antiquarian or historical importance is stated to be under preparation.

Government note with satisfaction that the department continued to do good work during the year.

P. G. D'SOUZA,
Chief Secretary to Government.

REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND ECONOMIC CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT.

Removal of the Office of the Secretary, Board of Education, to Mysore.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. 200—Edn., dated 10—11th November 1925 from the Secretary, Board of Education, requesting for reasons stated therein that his office may be removed to Mysore.

ORDER NO. REL. 144-7—E. C. 9-25-1, DATED 26TH NOVEMBER 1925.

The Office of the Secretary to the Board of Education was located at Bangalore, as at the time of its formation the Secretary held the Office of the Assistant Inspector-General of Education with his headquarters at Bangalore. As he has since been transferred to Mysore and as Mysore is also the headquarters of the Chairman of the Education Board, Government are pleased to direct that the Office of the Secretary be removed to Mysore. Meetings of the Board should be held, however, as far as possible at Bangalore.

The Registrar, Mysore University, is requested to place a suitable room in the University Buildings at the disposal of the Secretary, Board of Education, for the use of his Office.

R. RANGA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Representative Assembly, Legislative Council and Economic Conference.

REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

The levy of fees for the inoculation of cattle.

READ—

Government Order No. I. C. 2270-71—C. V. 14-25-11, dated 1st October 1925, sanctioning an additional grant of Rs. 1,20,000 for carrying on an effective campaign against rinderpest and other cattle diseases prevalent in Shimoga and other Districts, by adopting the method of simultaneous inoculation and stating that separate orders will issue regarding the recovery of a portion of the extra cost by levy of fees for such inoculation.

2. Letter No. Roc. 132—A., dated 2nd October 1925, from the Director of Agriculture in Mysore, submitting his proposals on the subject.

ORDER NO. I. C. 3521-32—C. V. 57-25-4, DATED 23RD NOVEMBER 1925.

In view of the very heavy expenditure considered necessary for the purchase of serum and adoption of the other measures for effectively preventing the spread of cattle epidemics and of the difficulty of providing adequate funds therefor by Government, the question of levying a small fee for inoculating cattle so as to supplement the funds provided by Government, was placed before the Representative Assembly for discussion at the Dasara Session. While the Representative Assembly members